

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-203 (canceled).

Claim 204 (previously presented): A method of acquiring information from individuals volunteering for ongoing consideration as potential candidates for participating as research subjects in any of a plurality of clinical trials identified as currently recruiting research subjects, by means of a server operated by a recruitment service provider, the server being configured to communicate with a plurality of end-user computer terminals via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

the server transmitting for display on one end-user terminal a health survey form accessible to one of the individuals, the health survey form soliciting from the individual contact information by which the individual may be contacted, and at least one of the individual's personal and medical information, whereby the individual agrees to volunteer to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of clinical trials;

the server receiving information transmitted by the individual via the one end-user computer terminal, the information containing the individual's contact information and the at least one of the individual's personal and medical information; and

the server storing the at least one of the individual's contact information and the at least one of the individual's personal and medical information in a database, thereby registering the individual for ongoing consideration as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of clinical trials that is identified by the recruitment service provider as currently recruiting candidates, wherein the individual's ongoing consideration comprises consideration for any of the plurality of clinical trials registered with the recruitment service provider at or after the time when the individual is first registered by the server.

Claim 205 (previously presented): The method of claim 204, wherein the information received by the server signifies an agreement by the individual to release the contact information to the representative of the at least one matching clinical trial.

Claim 206 (previously presented): The method of claim 204, wherein the health survey form solicits the identification of one or more medical conditions of the individual for which the individual wishes to be considered as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in one or more of the plurality of clinical trials.

Claim 207 (previously presented): The method of claim 204, wherein the health survey form solicits the identification of one or more clinical researchers for whom the individual wishes to be considered as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of clinical trials that are associated with the one or more clinical researchers.

Claim 208 (previously presented): The method of claim 204, wherein the network comprises one or more of the Internet, the World Wide Web, an intranet, a local area network, a wide area network and a wireless communications network.

Claim 209 (previously presented): The method of claim 204, further comprising the step of:

the server transmitting registration information for display on a second end-user computer terminal, said registration information soliciting information for registering a clinical researcher administering one or more of the plurality of clinical trials.

Claim 210 (previously presented): A method by which an individual may register as a volunteer to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of a plurality of clinical trials, and by which the individual may subsequently opt out of the registration, by means of a server operated by a recruitment service

the server transmitting for display on the one end-user terminal a health survey form soliciting from the individual contact information by which the individual may be contacted, and at least one of the individual's personal and medical information, whereby the individual agrees to volunteer to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of clinical trials;

the server storing the individual's contact information, the personally-identifying information of the individual and the at least one of the individual's personal and medical information in a database, thereby registering the individual for ongoing consideration as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of clinical trials that is identified by the recruitment service provider as currently recruiting candidates, wherein the individual's ongoing consideration comprises consideration for any of the clinical trials registered with the recruitment service provider at or after the time when the individual is first registered by the server.

the server comparing the transmitted personally-identifying information with the stored personally-identifying information of the individual; and

the server withdrawing the individual's registration when the comparing step indicates a match between the transmitted personally-identifying information and the stored personally-identifying information.

Claim 212 (previously presented): The method of claim 210, wherein the second personal identifier is a date of birth of the individual.

Claim 214 (previously presented): The method of claim 210, wherein the first information transmitted by the individual signifies an agreement by the individual to release the contact information to a representative of at least one of one of the registered clinical trials.

the server receiving first information transmitted by one of the individuals via one of the plurality of end-user computer terminals, the first information containing contact information for contacting the individual, and at least one of personal and medical information for the individual, whereby the individual agrees to volunteer to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of clinical trials identified to the recruitment service provider by a representative of the trial as currently recruiting candidates;

comparing the at least one of personal and medical information to selection criteria of at least one of the plurality of clinical trials that are identified to the recruitment service provider as currently recruiting candidates;

selecting the individual as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in at least one of the identified clinical trials for which the comparison of the at least one of personal and medical information to the selection criteria indicates a match; and

providing the individual's contact information to a representative of the at least one matching clinical trial, whereby the representative may contact the individual directly to further evaluate the individual as a candidate for participating as a research subject in the matching clinical trial..

Claim 216 (previously presented): The method of claim 215, wherein the information received by the server signifies an agreement by the individual to release the contact information to the representative of the at least one matching clinical trial.

Claim 217 (previously presented): The method of claim 215, further comprising the steps of:

the server transmitting a participation agreement for display on one of the plurality of end-user terminals accessible to an individual, the participation agreement soliciting consent from the individual to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in at least one of the plurality of clinical trials that are identified by the recruitment service provider as currently recruiting candidates; and

the server receiving a signal transmitted by the one of the plurality of end-user terminals indicating the individual's consent to the participation agreement.

Claim 218 (previously presented): The method of claim 215, wherein the information transmitted by the individual includes personally-identifying information of the individual.

Claim 220 (previously presented): The method of claim 219, wherein the second personal identifier is a date of birth of the individual.

Claim 221 (previously presented): The method of claim 218, wherein the personally-identifying information includes a unique registration number of the individual.

Claim 222 (previously presented): The method of claim 218, further comprising the step of:

the server transmitting an opt-out form for display on the one computer terminal or another one of the plurality of end-user computer terminals, the opt-out form soliciting the personally-identifying information of the individual as an indication that the individual wishes to withdraw from being considered as a potential candidate for participating in any of the plurality of clinical trials.

Claim 223 (previously presented): The method of claim 222, further comprising the step of:

the server receiving second information transmitted by the individual through the one end-user computer terminal or another one of the plurality of end-user computer terminals, the second information including the personally-identifying information of the individual and information indicating the individual's request to withdraw the registration;

the server comparing the transmitted personally-identifying information with the stored personally-identifying information of the individual; and

the server withdrawing the individual's registration when the comparing step indicates a match between the transmitted personally-identifying information and the stored personally-identifying information.

Claim 224 (previously presented): The method of claim 215, wherein the network comprises one or more of the Internet, the World Wide Web, an intranet, a local area network, a wide area network and a wireless communications network.

Claim 225 (currently amended): The method of claim 215 [[5]] wherein the comparing step further includes the step of:

receiving a match query from the representative of the at least one clinical trial, wherein the match query identifies the selection criteria for determining the match.

Claim 226 (previously presented): A method of on-line recruitment of volunteers for ongoing consideration as potential candidates for participating as research subjects in any of a plurality of clinical trials, by means of a server operated by a recruitment service provider, the server being configured to communicate with a plurality of end-user computer terminals via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

the server receiving health survey information transmitted by one of the individuals via one of the plurality of end-user computer terminals, the health survey information including contact information for contacting the individual, opt-in information indicating one or more selected clinical trial researchers, and at least one of personal and medical information for the individual, wherein by transmitting the health survey information, the individual volunteers to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of clinical trials that are associated with one of the one or more selected clinical trial researchers and have been identified to the recruitment service provider as currently recruiting candidates;

comparing the at least one of personal and medical information to selection criteria of any of the plurality of clinical trials that are associated with one or more of the selected clinical trial researchers and have been identified to the recruitment service provider as currently recruiting candidates;

Claim 231 (previously presented): The method of claim 226, wherein the network comprises one or more of the Internet, the World Wide Web, an intranet, a local area network, a wide area network and a wireless communications network

Claim 232 (previously presented): The method of claim 226, wherein the comparing step further includes the step of:

receiving a match query from the representative of the at least one clinical trial, wherein the match query identifies the selection criteria for determining the match.

Claim 233 (previously presented): The method of claim 226, wherein the information transmitted by the individual includes personally-identifying information of the individual.

Claim 234 (previously presented): The method of claim 233, wherein the personally-identifying information includes a name of the individual and a second personal identifier of the individual.

Claim 235 (previously presented): The method of claim 234, wherein the second personal identifier is a date of birth of the individual.

Claim 236 (previously presented): The method of claim 233, wherein the personally-identifying information includes a unique registration number of the individual.

Claim 237 (previously presented): The method of claim 233, further comprising the step of:

the server transmitting an opt-out form for display on the one computer terminal or another one of the plurality of end-user computer terminals, the opt-out form soliciting the personally-identifying information of the individual as an indication that the individual wishes to withdraw from being considered as a potential candidate for participating in any of the plurality of clinical trials.

Claim 238 (previously presented): The method of claim 237, further comprising the step of:

the server receiving second information transmitted by the individual through the one end-user computer terminal or another one of the plurality of end-user computer terminals, the second information including the personally-identifying information of the individual and information indicating the individual's request to withdraw the registration;

the server comparing the transmitted personally-identifying information with the stored personally-identifying information of the individual; and

the server withdrawing the individual's registration when the comparing step indicates a match between the transmitted personally-identifying information and the stored personally-identifying information.

Claim 239 (previously presented): A method of on-line recruitment of volunteers for ongoing consideration as potential candidates for participating as research subjects in any of a plurality of clinical trials, by means of a server operated by a recruitment service provider, the server being configured to communicate with a plurality of end-user computer terminals via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

the server transmitting a participation agreement for display on one of the plurality of end-user terminals accessible to an individual, the participation agreement soliciting consent from the individual to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in at least one of the plurality of clinical trials that are identified by the recruitment service provider as currently recruiting candidates;

the server receiving a signal transmitted by the one of the plurality of end-user terminals indicating the individual's consent to the participation agreement;

the server transmitting a health survey form for display on the one of the plurality of end-user terminals, the health survey form soliciting contact information for the individual, and at least one of personal and medical information for the individual, whereby the at least one of the

individual's personal and medical information may be used in the selection of candidates to participate as research subjects in one or more of the plurality of clinical trials;

the server receiving information transmitted by the individual via the one of the plurality of end-user terminals, the information containing the contact information and at least one of the relevant personal and medical information; and

the server storing the individual's contact information and the at least one of the individual's personal and medical information in a database, thereby registering the individual for consideration as a candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of clinical trials that is identified by the recruitment service provider as currently recruiting candidates, wherein the individual's ongoing consideration comprises consideration for any of the clinical trials registered with the recruitment service provider at or after the time when the individual is first registered by the server.

Claim 240 (previously presented): The method of claim 239, wherein the participation agreement is a click-wrap agreement.

Claim 241 (previously presented): The method of claim 239, wherein the health survey form solicits the identification of one or more medical conditions of the individual for which the individual wishes to be considered as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in one or more associated clinical trials.

Claim 242 (previously presented): The method of claim 239, wherein the health survey form solicits the identification of one or more clinical researchers for whom the individual wishes to be considered as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of clinical trials that are associated with the one or more clinical researchers.

Claim 243 (previously presented): The method of claim 239, wherein the network comprises one or more of the Internet, the World Wide Web, an intranet, a local area network, a wide area network and a wireless communications network.

Claim 244 (previously presented): The method of claim 239, further comprising the step of:

the server transmitting registration information for display on a second end-user computer terminal, said registration information soliciting information for registering a clinical researcher administering one or more of the plurality of clinical trials.

Claim 245 (previously presented): A method by which an individual may register as a volunteer to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of a plurality of clinical trials, and by which the individual may subsequently opt out of the registration, by means of a server operated by a recruitment service provider, the server being configured to communicate with a plurality of end-user computer terminals via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

the server transmitting a participation agreement for display on one of the plurality of end-user terminals accessible to the individual, the participation agreement soliciting consent from the individual to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in at least one of the plurality of clinical trials that are identified by the recruitment service provider as currently recruiting candidates;

the server receiving a signal transmitted by the one of the plurality of end-user terminals indicating the individual's consent to the participation agreement;

the server transmitting for display on the one end-user terminal a health survey form soliciting from the individual contact information by which the individual may be contacted, and at least one of the individual's personal and medical information, whereby the at least one of the individual's personal and medical information may be used in the selection of potential candidates to participate as research subjects in one or more of the plurality of clinical trials;

the server receiving first information transmitted by the individual via the one end-user computer terminal, the information containing the individual's contact information, personally-identifying information of the individual and the at least one of the individual's personal and medical information;

the server withdrawing the individual's registration when the comparing step indicates a match between the transmitted personally-identifying information and the stored personally-identifying information.

Claim 248 (previously presented): The method of claim 245, wherein the personally-identifying information includes a registration number of the individual.

Claim 249 (previously presented): A method by which an individual who has registered with a recruitment service provider as a volunteer to be considered as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in at least one clinical trial may opt out of the registration by means of a server operated by the recruitment service provider, the server being configured to communicate with a plurality of end-user terminals via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

the server receiving information transmitted by the individual through one of the plurality of end-user terminals, the information including personally-identifying information of the individual and information indicating the individual's request to withdraw the registration, and;

comparing the personally-identifying information in the transmitted information with personally-identifying information of the individual that was previously provided by the individual and stored by the server when the individual registered with the recruitment service provider; and

withdrawing the individual's registration when the comparing step indicates a match between the transmitted personally-identifying information and the stored personally-identifying information.

Claim 250 (previously presented): The method of claim 249, wherein the personally-identifying information includes a name of the individual and a second personal identifier of the individual.

Claim 251 (previously presented): The method of claim 250, wherein the second personal identifier is a date of birth of the individual.

Claim 252 (previously presented): The method of claim 251, wherein the second personal identifier is a date of birth of the individual.

Claim 253 (previously presented): The method of claim 249, wherein the personally-identifying information includes a unique registration number of the individual.